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SUBJECT: ECLA MEETING ON INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT,
HAVANA, JUNE 13-18

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SUMMARY PERUVIAN DELEGATION SYMPATHETIC TO EMBASSY
DEMARCHE BUT MAKES NO FIRM COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH U.S.
DEL. END SUMMARY.

1. ECON OFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT CONFERENCE JUNE 9 WITH FIRST
SECRETARY BERTHA VEGA PEREZ OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS OFFICE. VEGA SAID PERUVIAN DELEGATION WILL BE
COMPOSED OF HERSELF AND AMBASSADOR CARMELA AGUILAR AYANZ,
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY AND BORDERS,
FOREIGN MINISTRY, IN HER CAPACITY AS THE PERUVIAN REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE U.N. COMMISSION ON THE LEGAL AND SOCIAL STATUS OF WOMEN,
SENIORITA VEGA IS PERU'S ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
COMMISSION. DELEGATION HAD BEEN APPROVED AND HAD RECEIVED
INSTRUCTIONS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO CONVERSATION. NEITHER PERSON
IS ON PERU'S IACW DELEGATION (AND VEGA SEEMED SURPRISED, THAT
A COUNTRY'S IACW REP WOULD ALSO BE DELEGATE TO ECLA MEETING.)

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2. ECON OFF EXPLAINED U.S. VIEWS USING TALKING POINTS AND
INFO PROVIDED REF B AND REQUESTED PERUVIAN DELEGATION SUPPORT.
VEGA REPLIED AS FOLLOWS ON SPECIFIC POINTS:

A. EXTRANEIOUS AND/OR CONTENTIOUS ISSUES -- VEGA SAID
PERU'S DELEGATION SHARED U.S. DESIRE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION
AND CONTROVERSY AT HAVANA MEETING IN ORDER BETTER TO PROMOTE

MEETING'S OBJECTIVES. VEGA EXPLICITLY SAID PANAMA CANAL ISSUE SHOULD NOT BE IN DRAFT ECLA PLAN. VEGA WAS MORE VAGUE REGARDING PERUVIAN HELP ON REMOVING REFERENCES TO NIEO AND CERDS. COMMENT:

B. STRUCTURE -- VEGA SAID THAT PERUVIAN DELEGATION WOULD ALSO WORK TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF OAS/IACW WORK AND ORGANIZATION WHICH MIGHT OCCUR AS RESULT OF APPROVAL OF CURRENT DRAFT ECLA PLAN. HOWEVER, SHE CLAIMED THAT THE PLAN DOES NOT CONTAIN SUFFICIENT DETAIL ON THE NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS AND OFFICES CALLED FOR THEREIN, AND THUS PERUVIAN DELEGATION WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL DISCUSSION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS BEFORE DECIDING ON ITS COURSE OF ACTION.

3. APART FROM SPECIFIC ITEMS REFERRED TO IN ABOVE PARAGRAPH, VEGA DID NOT EXPRESS VIEWS, EITHER PERSONAL OR OFFICIAL, ON THE DRAFT ECLA PLAN.

4. COMMENT: A. BASED ON CONVERSATION WE BELIEVE PERUVIAN DELEGATION WILL NOT REPEAT NOT INTRODUCE CONTROVERSIAL AND/OR EXTRANEIOUS ISSUES INTO CONFERENCE BUT AT SAME TIME U.S. DEL SHOULD NOT EXPECT PERUVIANS TO BE ACTIVE IN REDUCING OR ELIMINATING SOME/OR MORE OF THE EXISTING CONTENTIOUS ITEMS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE QUESTION WHETHER VEGA'S AGREEMENT WITH U.S. VIEW ON CANAL ISSUE CAN BE TRANSFORMED INTO CONCRETE SUPPORT TO DELETE REFERENCE TO PANAMA IN DRAFT PLAN. SIMILARLY WE WOULD EXPECT PERUVIAN DELEGATION TO GO ALONG WITH LATIN MAJORITY REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW OFFICES, REGIONAL CENTER, ETC., ALTHOUGH PERUVIAN DEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAY BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO APPROACH BY U.S. DEL ON THIS ISSUE.

B. VEGA WAS FRIENDLY AND GAVE IMPRESSION SHE WOULD BE APPROACHABLE AND WILLING TO WORK WITH U.S. DEL AT CONFERENCE, HOWEVER, BASED ON PREVIOUS CASES WHERE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED LUKEWARM TO MODERATE SUPPORT FOR U.S. POSITIONS PRIOR TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, ONLY TO DESERT US IN THE SPEECHES AND VOTING, EMBASSY WISHES TO CAUTION AGAINST BEING OVERLY OPTIMISTIC.
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